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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 1122 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 18  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1122

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: MASS, SO, US

SUBJ: NO IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO MILITARY SURVEY MISSION PROPOSAL

REFS: A) STATE 125217; B) STATE 125831

1. PRESIDENT SIAD RECEIVED ME THIS AFTERNOON, MAY 18, IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE REGULAR THURSDAY MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.  
I DREW ON THE TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL, SUMMARIZED THE CONTENTS OF  
THE NOTE PROPOSING THE MILITARY SURVEY MISSION, AND SAID WE HOPED  
FOR AN EARLY RESPONSE. THE SOMALI LEADER EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE  
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE DELAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MILITARY  
RELATIONSHIP. HE DID NOT STUDY THE NOTE WITH ANY CARE, BUT INSTEAD  
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DISCOURSED AT SOME LENGTH ON THE CUBAN AND SOVIET THREAT TO  
AFRICA AND THE HORN AREA. HE ARGUED THAT THE AMERICAN  
REACTION TO THE SOVIET THREATS ALL OVER THE CONTINENT WAS DISHEARTEN-  
ING TO AMERICA'S FRIENDS. THE SAUDIS HE SAID ARE LOOKING TO YOU FOR  
SOME SIGNS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. "THEY ARE ALREADY MORE CONCERNED  
FOR WHAT HAPPENS HERE IN SOMALIA THAN I AM, AND THEY HAVE MUCH TO  
LOSE." THE SOVIETS, HE CONTINUED, ARE NOT CONSTRAINED BY DECLARA-

TIONS OF YOUR CONCERN. "THEY ARE LOOKING FOR DEEDS", HE ADDED.

2. I REVIEWED FOR SIAD AGAIN SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS THE USG FACED IN IMPLEMENTING AN ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. I TOLD HIM HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS THAT THERE BE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. I CAUTIONED HIM THAT THERE COULD BE NO COOPERATION WITHOUT FULL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, AND THAT HIS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE WATCHED WITH GREAT CARE. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT HE AFFIRMED AGAIN THAT HE DID NOT HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE WSLF. INFLUENCE, HE SAID, "YES, BUT NO MAN CAN KNOW EVERYTHING THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING".

3. SIAD INDICATED HE WOULD EXAMINE THE NOTE LATER. I ALSO GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE ARMS SALES POLICY STATEMENT OF MAY 19, 1977 MENTIONED IN THE NOTE. I TOLD HIM I PLANNED TO DEPART FOR NAIROBI ON SUNDAY. HE WISHED ME WELL, BUT DID NOT OFFER TO PROVIDE ME WITH A RESPONSE BEFORE MY DEPARTURE.

4. I ALSO USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND HIM OF OUR REQUIREMENT TO INSPECT SOME OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS' CAMPS. HE SAID HE WOULD SEND FIRM ORDERS TO THE MINISTRY TO SEE THAT WE RECEIVED THE NECESSARY PERMISSION.

LOUGHRAN

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